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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES REFTEL A, WHICH WE BELIEVE HELPS TO CLARIFY AIR FARE SITUATION CONSIDERABLY.
2. WE HAVE RECHECKED QANTAS AND AIR NEW ZEALAND SCHEDULES. AS STATED REFTEL, AIR NEW ZEALAND HAS DIRECT MELBOURNE-AUCKLAND FLIGHTS ON FRIDAY AND SUNDAY. QANTAS ADVISES US IT HAS A TUESDAY FLIGHT.
3. MELBOURNE-AUCKLAND FARE FOR ABOVE FLIGHTS IS A DOLS 168. PASSENGERS FLYING FROM MELBOURNE TO AUCKLAND ON ANY OTHER DAY OF THE WEEK MUST TRANSIT SYDNEY AND PAY SECTOR FARE OF A DOLS 53 FROM MELBOURNE TO SYDNEY AND SECTOR FARE OF A DOLS 145 FROM SYDNEY AUCKLAND, FOR A TOTAL OF A DOLS 198.

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4. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY PRECISELY WHAT NEW ZEALAND OFFICIALS ARE STATING IN PARA 3 A OF REFTEL A. ARE THEY STATING THAT IF AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS WISH TO CHARGE MELBOURNE-SYDNEY SECTOR FARE OF A DOLS 23 INSTEAD OF A DOLS 53 FOR THROUGH PASSENGERS TO AUCKLAND, THAT'S AUSTRALIA'S BUSINESS, BUT THAT SYDNEY-AUCKLAND CARRIER (E.G. AIR NEW ZEALAND) MUST RECEIVE FULL A DOLS 145 FARE? IMPLICATION OF THIS

POSITION IS, OF COURSE, THAT AUSTRALIAN DOMESTIC CARRIERS
ANSETT AND TAA WOULD CHARGE REGULAR MELBOURNE-SYDNEY
PASSENGERS A DOLS BUT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO CHARGE ONLY
A DOLS 23 FOR THOSE MELBOURNE-SYDNEY PASSENGERS CONTINUING
DIRECTLY TO NEW ZEALAND BY AIR NEW ZEALAND, QANTAS, AND PAN
AM.
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